**CATTARAUGUS-ALLEGANY SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 20, 2016**

**Teleconference – 3:15 pm**

**Members Present:**

Lance Chaffee, Olean Public Library

Cece Fuoco, Director, CASLS

Christine Prinzi – Randolph MH

Ronda Turner, CASLS Secretary

Sheryl Knab, WNYLRC

Mary Zdrojewski, Scio Central – Vice Chair

Scott Vonderheide, Wellsville Elem - Council chair

Lisa Towne – Randolph Elem – C3 Representative

**Members Absent:**

Candace Broughton – Community member

Ann Tenglund, St. Bonaventure University

Cece called the meeting to order at 3:25 pm

A vote was taken to accept the 5 year plan that had been reviewed. Lance motioned to accept it, Mary 2nd. All agreed. The 5 year plan has been accepted.

Cece reported on upcoming events.

March 1 is the Spring CASLS day.

March 2 is Advocacy Day in Albany. One issue to advocate for is for an increase in the $6.25 per student that had not changed in about 17 years.

Cece also updated the council with information from NYLA. Currently elementary schools are not required to staff a certified SLMS. Secondary schools are only required to do so in Commissioner’s Education Regulations, not by state statute. May school districts disregard the regulation. NYLA strongly supports the development and passage of new legislation to require a school librarian for all students.

In the meantime, there are ways to advocate for the school library program.

* + Encourage the principal to visit at least once a month.
  + Invite the school board to hold a meeting in the library.
  + Request to present at a School Board meeting about the value of the library program.
  + Invite elected officials to visit your library.

On Dec. 10, 2015, President Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act into law. This included school libraries in a number of provisions. ESSA replaces the No Child Left Behind version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act with language that ensures “effective school libraries” is addressed in state and local plans.

NYLA is conducting a survey on school libraries and how many are staffed with a certified librarian. Since the BEDS reporting form used by schools is not always completed by the school librarian, the information being reported to the state is not accurate. (A school may be using a certified SLMS 1 day a week but reporting it as full-time).

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Lisa Towne reported that there are 2 openings on the CASLS Council. She put an email asking for anyone interested to let her know. There were no replies.

Lance announced that he will be retiring at the end of May. This will open his position on the Council. We are hopeful that his replacement will be interested in the position.

A motions was made to adjourn by Mary and 2nd by Sheryl. All agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Next meeting: TBD after poll. Suggested May 11 or 12.